# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

	)	Docket No. RP08-306-000
Portland Natural Gas Transmission	)	
System	)	

## NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission")<sup>1</sup> and the "Notice of

Proposed Rate Changes in FERC Gas Tariff" issued on April 6, 2008, the State of

Maine Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC") hereby provides notice of its intervention in
the above-captioned proceeding.

#### A. BASIS FOR INTERVENTION

Under the laws of the State of Maine,<sup>2</sup> the MPUC is the state commission vested with jurisdiction over the rates and services of gas utilities within the state. Pursuant to FERC Rule of Practice and Procedure 214(a)(2),3 "[a]ny State Commission . . . is a party to any proceeding upon filing a notice of intervention in that proceeding, if the notice is filed within the period established under Rule 210(b)." The comment date for this matter is April 14, 2008. Accordingly, by submission of this timely notice,<sup>3</sup> the MPUC respectfully requests that the Commission recognize the MPUC as an intervener in this proceeding, with all rights attendant thereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 35-A M.R.S.A. § 101 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.214(a)(2) (2005).

#### B. NATURE OF CASE

On April 1, 2008, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) filed a proposed tariff change rate case filing pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Subpart D of Part 154 of the Commission's Regulations. PNGTS requests that the Commission place into effect without suspension PNGTS' proposed Primary Tariff Sheets pursuant to NGA Section 4(d) or, if suspended, that these tariff sheets be placed into effect after the expiration of the suspension period and that the tariff sheets contained in Appendix B be accepted for filing.

The Maine Public Utilities Commission takes no position on PNGTS' request at this time but would be concerned if granting PNGTS' request would result in a burdensome or unreasonable affect on rates.

#### C. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence and communications concerning these proceedings should be directed to:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 385.154 (2007).

### D. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Maine Public Utilities Commission hereby submits its notice of intervention in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 14, 2008

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Rule 2010 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>5</sup> I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing upon those parties listed on the official service list prepared by the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 14th day of April, 2008

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